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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 814  
By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Elizabeth Rhea on receiving the prestigious Service to Community Award.

WHEREAS, after a rigorous selection process, an elite group of individuals are chosen to receive the prestigious Middle Tennessee State University Service to Community Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Elizabeth Rhea will receive this prestigious recognition at a special luncheon to be held by the MTSU National Alumni Association on May 2, 1998; and

WHEREAS, a native of Eagleville, Dr. Rhea graduated from Eagleville High School in 1951; and

WHEREAS, she was on the MTSC cheerleading squad from 1953 until her graduation in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rhea attended the University of Tennessee Medical School, where she met her husband, Creighton, who was then an assistant professor of Radiology. She received her medical degree in 1958 and pursued a residency in Radiology; and

WHEREAS, most of the Rheas' medical careers have been spent with civil service and both are civil service retirees. She is a retired member of the American Medical Association and the American College of Radiology; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Rhea and her husband returned to Murfreesboro in 1992 after spending several years in Houston and El Paso, Texas; they evince their devout religious faith as members of St. Rose Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rhea is very active in volunteer work, especially for her alma mater where she and her husband have established two leadership performance scholarships at MTSU; and

WHEREAS, as the immediate past president of the Rutherford County Alumni Association, she is also on the Board of Trustees for the Foundation, and is the first vice-president of the BRAA; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rhea's distinguished record of community service includes her work on the Board of Directors of the American Heart Association and American Cancer Society; she has served admirably as treasurer of the Oaklands Historic House Museum and the Middle Tennessee Medical Center Foundation; and

WHEREAS, she is an unflagging supporter of the Middle Tennessee Medical Center Ambassadors, the Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center Advisory Council, the Hospice of Murfreesboro, and countless other noteworthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, when Dr. Rhea retired, she looked for ways to give something back to her hometown of Eagleville, her county, and her alma mater. She now finds that the more she volunteers, the more she enjoys life; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this exemplary representative of the "Volunteer State"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate Dr. Elizabeth Rhea on receiving the prestigious Service to Community Award, extending to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.